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SENATE TAXATION  
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BILL NO. SB 506

TO: Senate Taxation Committee

FROM: Nancy Schlepp  
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Dear Chairman Essman and the Senate Taxation Committee,

After the hearing on SB 506 on the Local Option Tax, it was pointed out to me in the hallway that I misspoke during questions. I'm hoping to clarify my position and rectify my mistake through this letter.

During questions, Senator Brown asked me what cost share would work for rural areas for revenue sharing. I responded that 2 sessions ago 50% worked.

There was a misunderstanding that I meant the bill two sessions ago had a 50% cost share in it. That is not correct. What I should have said is Montana Farm Bureau ran numbers two sessions ago and we were advocating a cost share of 50%. It never did make the bill.

I apologize for the misunderstanding. It is always my goal as a lobbyist representing the industry I love to do it in the most honest, responsible way possible.

If you need further clarification, or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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